Industries Commission (KVIC). The KVIC provides assistance in the form of grants, interest subsidy, rebate, training, marketing, etc. for the promotion and development of khadi and village industries. However, it does not set up units of its own.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) The KVIC is implementing the Margin Money Scheme for setting up rural industries including agro industries in the country including the State of Orissa. The scheme is implemented through Nationalised Banks, State KVI Boards, Regional Rural Banks etc. Under this programme, the KVIC provides margin money assistance @ 25% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and for the projects above Rs. 10 lakhs and upto Rs. 25 lakhs, an additional margin money @ 10% of the remaining cost of the project.

**Financial assistance to North-Eastern States**

2108. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted for the Small Scale, Agro and Rural Industries for the year 2001-2002 for the North-Eastern States, State-wise; and

(b) the amount out of the above allotment for each industry would be in the form of financial assistance or loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The Union Government supports the development and promotion of small scale, agro and rural industries through its various schemes/programmes. These schemes/programmes are uniformly implemented in the country and state-wise allocation of funds is not made. During the current financial year 2001-02, an outlay of Rs. 940.34 crores has been made for the development of small scale, agro and rural industries, and 10% of this outlay is earmarked for being spent in North-Eastern States. Financial assistance or loans are given to the implementing agencies as per parameters laid down for each scheme/ programme.